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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CASC, GW, UG, US
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO AMIN

REFS: (A) STATE 44718; (B) BONN 3647

WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE (FRG NUMBER 89)
FROM AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN AT 1200 ZULU MARCH 1.

BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT
AMIN

1. I JUST SAW ACTING MINISTER LUBEGA ON ABOVE MATTER.
HE TOLD ME THAT THROUGH UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES
PRESIDENT AMIN HAD NOT (NOT) BEEN TOLD THAT I WANTED
TO DELIVER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
TO PRESIDENT AMIN. HE PRETENDED THAT NEITHER CHIEF
OF PROTOCOL NOR HIS SECRETARY INFORMED HIM OF THE
MATTER, SO HE COULD NOT INFORM PRESIDENT AMIN
ACCORDINGLY.

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2. I TOLD ACTING MINISTER THAT MESSAGE IS NOW
OUTDATED AND THAT I WOULD NOT PURSUE APPOINTMENT ANY
MORE. LUBEGA AND I AGREED THAT IT WAS BETTER TO LET
THE MATTER REST, UNLESS HE IS ASKED BY PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE ON MEDIA NEWS FROM ABROAD THAT I DELIVERED
A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE.

3. IF PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD DECIDE TO SEND NEW MESSAGE EXPRESSING SATISFACTION OR EVEN THANKS FOR FRIENDLY OUTCOME TOGETHER WITH ASSURANCE THAT MILITARY INVASION WAS NEVER INTENDED, I WOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK NEW APPOINTMENT.

4. I ASSUME THAT ACTING MINISTER KNEW EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED, BUT, BEFORE IT BECAME ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT AMIN WAS TAKING FRIENDLY ATTITUDE, HE WAS HESITANT OR EVEN AFRAID TO PASS REQUEST TO PRESIDENT AMIN THAT I HAD MESSAGE.

5. IT IS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT IT HAS BEEN BROADCAST ALL OVER THE WORLD AND STILL IS, THAT I DELIVERED MESSAGE, WHICH IN FACT I NEVER DID. WHEN I READ CABLE - NO. 51 DATED 1ST MARCH 1977 (STATE 43988) CORRECTLY ALSO UGANDAN CHARGE DID NOT SAY THAT I SAW PRESIDENT AMIN, BUT ONLY THAT I WOULD SEE HIM ON MORNING 1ST MARCH 1977 WHICH IS TODAY. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT DESPITE OF THIS, MEDIAS WERE INFORMED THAT I SAW PRESIDENT AMIN EVEN DISCLOSING CONTENTS OF MESSAGE, ALTHOUGH ALL CABLES ON THIS MATTER WERE MARKED "SECRET."

6. IT IS URGENTLY REQUESTED NOT TO DISCLOSE ANY CONTENTS OF THIS CABLE TO PERSONS OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY NOT TO UGANDAN CHARGE IN WASHINGTON.
ELLERKMANN

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